

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### MAY

\*Newspaper &  
Coffee @ 9:30  
Mon – Fri & Sat  
@ 10:00

\*Java Memory  
Care Tuesday  
@ 3:00

\*Hula Hands  
Class Thursdays  
@ 1:30

\*Haida Dance  
Rehearsal Sun-  
days @ 1:30

\*Pastor Keith  
visits every  
Tuesday @ 2:00

\*Every Sunday @  
2:00 local  
Church Service  
on the  
3rd Floor

\*BINGO is every  
Wednesday  
@ 1:30

\*Exercise every  
Tuesday and  
Thursday  
@ 10:30

\*Popcorn and a  
Movie every  
Thursday @ 5:30

\*\*Ice Cream So-  
cial every Friday  
@ 1:30

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

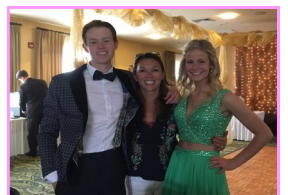
What a month! I appreciate all of the questions and concerns many of you expressed regarding the potential closure of two of the Alaska Pioneer Homes. I am very grateful to Governor Walker and his staff and to the members of the House and Senate for their quick response in support of the Homes. Their

collective reassurance was very much appreciated by the residents and the KPH community as a whole. I would also like to thank AARP and the Pioneers of Alaska for inviting me to speak to their members in order to answer questions and address concerns. April was also busy with lots of spring activities as we mucked out the green house and prepared for sum-

mer.

*On a personal note, some of you may recall that I was pregnant with Shawn when I started working at the KPH so it was surreal to see my now 18 year old participate in the senior prom and community senior prom the following day. He was only a toddler when we began that program all of those years ago. Where did the time go?*

-julie



## LOOKING AHEAD



Ketchikan is home to many people of Norwegian descent and last year the residents hosted a party to honor the National Day of Norway/ Norwegian Constitution Day also referred to as **Syttende Mai**. Please join us on May 20th in the

Great Room @ 2:00 p.m. for a special Norwegian celebration. We will be joined by our friends from the Sons of Norway and hope to have traditional treats, costumes and music. Come join in the fun!



## LAST FAMILY DINNER OF THE SEASON

*Don't forget to join us for the last KPH Family & Friends Dinner of the season on May 18th @ 5:00 p.m.*

*Our menu this month includes:*

Appetizer: Fruit Tray  
Entrée: Meat-loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas  
Dessert: Apple pie with ice cream

*Please RSVP before Monday, May 16th so we can be sure to reserve a spot for you and don't forget to request a smaller dining room if you would like to eat in a more private setting.*



## SENIOR PROM

Every year the KHS senior class, parents, advisors and other senior agencies in Ketchikan collaborate to pull off what is now one of our favorite annual activities. We are able to have our very own "Senior" prom the day after the teens have theirs. We borrow

the teens prom decorations and they return all dressed up in their prom finest and dance the afternoon away. The residents love to see the gowns and visit with the teens. The best part is having an excuse to reminisce and dance again.



Helen Erickson had two kiddos at the Prom this year with grandson, Spencer Erickson, and great granddaughter McKenzie Harrison

## VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

We were so happy to see so many of our favorite volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social hosted by the KPH Resident Council. Our volunteers are so important to us and they make the lives of the residents better every day. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop #4

for continuing to help with the family dinner each month. We could not keep up with all of our activities without our wonderful volunteer corps and we are grateful. Please let Hilary know if you have any time to volunteer as there are many more upcoming opportunities.





## SHARING TRADITIONS



Resident George Gardner and the preschool students drum away.

Thanks to George Gardner for teaching traditional native drumming and singing to the children of our pre-

school. The Fawn Mountain Elementary school offers this preschool class through Indian Education funds and the curriculum is a perfect fit for our intergenerational activities. The staff and other elders are

learning so much right along with the students. The kids come to George every week for a session with this wonderful and patient teacher. We are looking forward to learning more. Thanks George!

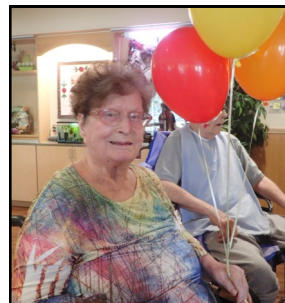


Tandra Thompson and her class hard at work in the 3rd floor living room

## KPH FOUNDATION

The KPH Foundation is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide funding for projects and equipment not otherwise provided by the State of Alaska which enhance the lives of the Elders in our Home.

Special thanks to Foundation member Terry Wanzer for continuing to partner with us by hosting the community Senior Prom activity and allowing us to use the Sunny Point Conference space for this wonderful activity.



Resident June Oyler enjoying a birthday celebration

**Bob Sivertsen**  
**Alaire Stanton**  
**Nerissa Buendia**  
**Bill Moran**  
**Ed Zastrow**  
**Ann Thompson**  
**Idonna Hanson**  
**Terry Wanzer**  
**Mona O'Dell**  
**Fred Monrean**  
**Sherrie Slick**  
**Ray Hendricks**  
**Linda Koons Auger**

*This month we offer a fond farewell and best wishes to our lovely and fearless leader, Vickie Wilson. Vickie is retiring as the Division Director on May 15th and is looking forward to a well deserved summer of leisure and travel. She certainly deserves every happiness after devoting more than 20 years to the Pioneers of our great state. Though she will be missed in our daily interactions we can look forward to seeing her as she continues to travel throughout the State on occasion and she will no doubt continue as a tireless advocate for the elders of Alaska. Best wishes Vickie and we look forward to seeing you soon!*





# KPH

## Activity Calendar Continued...

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*Providing elder Alaskans  
a home and community,  
celebrating life through  
its final breath.*

*-Alaska Pioneer Homes  
Mission*

May 1: Foundation Lunch @12:00  
May 8: Resident Council @ 1:30  
May 11: Ukulele practice @ 12:30  
May 11: Shipyard Tour @ 2:00  
May 14: Mothers Day Tea @ 2:00  
May 17: Birthday Party @ 3:00  
May 18: Family and Friends Dinner @ 5:00  
May 20: Syttende  
Mai @ 2:00  
May 23: Karaoke @ 6:00  
May 29: Memorial  
Day



You are invited to  
our annual Mothers  
Day Tea!

Please join us May  
14th at 2:00 p.m. in  
the Great Room.

We are looking for-  
ward to using our  
tea cups and wear-  
ing vintage hats and  
aprons.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### RESIDENTS

Clara Gross 05/20/1924

### STAFF

05/09 Gary Dalton  
05/13 Analyn Guillermo  
05/13 Fatima Margaja  
05/14 Rhodora Dailey  
05/15 Lodi Credito  
05/16 Norma Kile  
05/21 Chona Rodriguez  
05/27 Trini Purschwitz  
05/27 Julie Sande  
05/29 Alex MacGillivray  
05/31 Cherry May Catipon  
05/31 Randy Cadiente

*"May all your future  
years be free from  
disappointment,  
care or strife, that  
every birthday you  
will be a little more  
in love with life."*

*unknown*





# Easter Fun

Thanks very much to the KHI girls softball program and to all of the other helpers who pitched in to help us pull off our annual Easter egg hunt and party for the kiddos in our KPH community. The residents love to see the kids excitement and it is a great way to spend a day with lots of sweet treats, great friends, and even a visit from a very special guest, the Easter Bunny.



## *Missing You*



We were deeply saddened to lose our dear, long time friend, Evelyn Bullock this month. Mrs Bullock has been a part of our KPH community for many years as a friend and volunteer prior to her becoming a resident. She will be remembered for her wonderful smile, her kind and generous heart and for

her deep devotion and affection for her children and grandchildren. We are sending wishes for comfort and peace to her family.



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